

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An image data generation apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving a parameter for displaying three-dimensional image data, said parameter including ~~at least one of~~ information data indicating a ~~condition-camera arrangement that has for picking~~ picked up said an ~~three-dimensional image data, and at least one of~~ information data indicating a method of generating three-dimensional image data from data of the picked up image; and information data for controlling ~~display-presentation of the said~~ three-dimensional image data;

three-dimensional image display control information generation means for generating three-dimensional image display control information by encoding said parameter; and

file generation means for generating a multimedia information file based on both of said three-dimensional image display control information and said three-dimensional image data, or at least two-dimensional image data, wherein header control information is added thereto.

2. (Original) The image data generation apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising recording means for recording said multimedia information file.

3. (Original) The image data generation apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said file generation means outputs said multimedia information file to an external communication path.

4. (Currently Amended) The image data generation apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said three-dimensional image display control information includes at least one of first information indicating a number of viewpoints of said three-dimensional image data, second information indicating from which viewpoint position said three-dimensional image data is

obtained, third information indicating a direction of sub-sampling of said three-dimensional image data, ~~fourth information indicating arrangement of a camera that has picked up said three-dimensional image data, fifth-fourth~~ information indicating a maximum shift amount when a parallax image of said three-dimensional image data is shifted, ~~sixth-fifth~~ information indicating whether a border is to be displayed around an image of said three-dimensional image data, seventh-sixth information indicating border image data to be displayed around the image of said three-dimensional image data, and three-dimension identification information indicating that said multimedia information file contains the three-dimensional image data.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) The image data generation apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said file generation means ~~indicate a file type by provides-providing~~ a different extension to said multimedia information file ~~between-when~~ said multimedia information file contains the three-dimensional image data and when said multimedia information file does not ~~contains-ne~~ three-dimensional image data.

7. (Currently amended) The image data generation apparatus according to claim 6, wherein

when said extension indicates that said multimedia information file contains three-dimensional images data, said extension further indicates which of adapts-to said plurality of different three-dimensional display methods, each display method being -and is different from the other, for each of said plurality of three-dimensional display methods is used to display said three-dimensional image data.

8-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) An image data generation apparatus, comprising:

a file generation unit for generating a multimedia information file including both of image pick-up condition information indicating an image pick-up condition for a three-dimensional image and three-dimensional image data, or at least two-dimensional image data, wherein header control information is added thereto, and

wherein said both of image pick-up condition and three-dimensional image data, or at least two-dimensional image data are encoded in a parameter that is stored in said multimedia file, and

wherein said image pick-up condition information includes at least one of information indicating a number of parallaxes in a horizontal direction and information indicating a number of parallaxes in a direction perpendicular thereto.

11. (Currently Amended) An image data generation apparatus, comprising:

a file generation unit for generating a multimedia information file including both of image pick-up condition information indicating an image pick-up condition for a three-dimensional image and three-dimensional image data, or at least two-dimensional image data, wherein header control information is added thereto,

wherein said both of image pick-up condition and three-dimensional image data, or at least two-dimensional image data are encoded in a parameter that is stored in said multimedia file, and

wherein said image pick-up condition information includes at least one of information indicating a camera arrangement shape, information indicating an interval between adjacent cameras, and information indicating a distance from a camera arrangement plane to a convergence point.

12. (Currently Amended) An image data reproduction apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving a multimedia information file including both of three-dimensional image display control information generated by encoding a parameter for displaying three-dimensional image data and said three-dimensional image data, or at least two-dimensional image data,

wherein said parameter includes information data indicating a camera arrangement that has picked up said three-dimensional image data, and at least one of information data indicating a method of generating three-dimensional image data from data of the picked up image and information data for controlling presentation of the said three-dimensional image data;

wherein header control information has been added to said multimedia information file;

file structure analysis means for analyzing a structure of said multimedia information file so as to extract the three-dimensional image display control information, the header control information and said three-dimensional image data or said two-dimensional image data;

three-dimensional image display control information analysis means for analyzing said three-dimensional image display control information extracted by said file structure analysis means;

data reproduction means for reproducing said three-dimensional image data extracted by said file structure analysis, based on the header control information extracted by said file structure analysis means; and

data conversion means for converting said reproduced three-dimensional image data; data, such that said three-dimensional image data can be presented wherein said data conversion means converts said reproduced three-dimensional image data for data for display in a display

unit, based on a result of analysis by said three-dimensional image display control information analysis means.

13. (Currently amended) The image data reproduction apparatus according to claim 12, wherein

said three-dimensional image display control information includes at least one of first information indicating a number of viewpoints of said three-dimensional image data, second information indicating from which viewpoint position said three-dimensional image data is obtained, third information indicating a direction of sub-sampling of said three-dimensional image data, ~~fourth information indicating arrangement of a camera that has picked up said three-dimensional image data,~~ fifth-fourth information indicating a maximum shift amount when a parallax image of said three-dimensional image data is shifted, ~~sixth-fifth~~ information indicating whether a border is to be displayed around an image of said three-dimensional image data, ~~seventh-sixth~~ information indicating border image data to be displayed around the image of said three-dimensional image data, and three-dimension identification information indicating that said multimedia information file contains the three-dimensional image data.

14. (Currently amended) The image data reproduction apparatus according to claim 12 or 13, further comprising file type determination means for analyzing a structure of said multimedia information file so as to determine whether said multimedia information file includes at least one of three-dimensional image display control information is included; wherein

~~said file type determination means determines whether said multimedia information file includes the~~ and three-dimensional image data.

15. (Currently amended) The image data reproduction apparatus according to claim 12 or 13, further comprising file type determination means for analyzing a structure of said multimedia information file so as to determine whether three-dimension identification information is included in said multimedia file; wherein and for further determining said file type determination

~~means-determines-at least one of~~ whether said multimedia information file includes ~~the-said~~ three-dimensional image data ~~or-determines-and~~ on which three-dimensional display scheme said three-dimensional image data is based-on.

16. (Currently Amended) An image data reproduction apparatus, comprising:

reception means for receiving a multimedia information file including three-dimensional image display control information obtained by encoding a parameter for displaying three-dimensional image data and said three-dimensional image data, or two-dimensional image data, said parameter including ~~at least one of~~ information data indicating a ~~condition-camera arrangement that has for picking-picked up~~ said an three-dimensional image data, and at least one of information data indicating a method of generating three-dimensional image data from data of the picked up image; and information data for controlling display presentation of the-said three-dimensional image data; and

file type determination means for analyzing an extension of said multimedia information file; wherein said file type determination means determines, based on the analysis of said extension, at least one of whether said multimedia information file includes said three-dimensional image data ~~and or-determines-on~~ which three dimensional display scheme said three-dimensional image data is based-on, ~~based-on said extension.~~

17. (Currently amended) The image data reproduction apparatus according to claim 16, wherein

said three-dimensional image display control information includes at least one of first information indicating a number of viewpoints of said three-dimensional image data, second information indicating from which viewpoint position said three-dimensional image data is obtained, third information indicating a direction of sub-sampling of said three-dimensional image data, ~~fourth information indicating arrangement of a camera that has picked up said three-dimensional image data,~~ fifth-fourth information indicating a maximum shift amount when a

parallax image of said three-dimensional image data is shifted, ~~sixth-fifth~~ information indicating whether a border is to be displayed around an image of said three-dimensional image data, ~~seventh-sixth~~ information indicating border image data to be displayed around the image of said three-dimensional image data, and three-dimension identification information indicating that said multimedia information file contains the three-dimensional image data.

18. (Currently Amended) An image data reproduction method, comprising:

~~reproducing-generating~~ a multimedia information file including both of image pick-up condition information indicating an image pick-up condition for a three-dimensional image and three-dimensional image data, or at least two-dimensional image data, wherein

said both of image pick-up condition and three-dimensional image data, or at least two-dimensional image data are encoded in a parameter that is stored in said multimedia file, and wherein

said image pick-up condition information includes at least one of information indicating a number of parallaxes in a horizontal direction and information indicating a number of parallaxes in a direction perpendicular thereto;

reproducing said three-dimensional image based on the image pick-up condition information indicating an image pick-up condition for a three-dimensional image and three-dimensional image data, or at least two-dimensional image data encoded in said parameter that is stored in said multimedia file.

19. (Currently Amended) An image data reproduction method, comprising:

~~reproducing-generating~~ a multimedia information file including both of image pick-up condition information indicating an image pick-up condition for a three-dimensional image and three-dimensional image data, or at least two-dimensional image data, wherein

said both of image pick-up condition and three-dimensional image data, or at least two-dimensional image data are encoded in a parameter that is stored in said multimedia file, and wherein

said image pick-up condition information includes at least one of information indicating a camera arrangement shape, information indicating an interval between adjacent cameras, and information indicating a distance from a camera arrangement plane to a convergence point;

reproducing said three-dimensional image based on the image pick-up condition information indicating an image pick-up condition for a three-dimensional image and three-dimensional image data, or at least two-dimensional image data encoded in said parameter that is stored in said multimedia file.

20. (Currently Amended) An image data recording medium, having stored thereon information representing a multimedia information file, the information when executed on an image data reproduction apparatus depicting information including both of three-dimensional image display control information generated by encoding a parameter for displaying three-dimensional image data and said three-dimensional image data, or at least two-dimensional image data, wherein

header control information is added thereto to said multimedia information file, and

wherein said parameter includes information data indicating a camera arrangement that has picked up said three-dimensional image data, and at least one of information data indicating a method of generating three-dimensional image data from data of the picked up image and information data for controlling presentation of the said three-dimensional image data, and

21. (Currently Amended) The image data recording medium according to claim 20, wherein the information when executed, further depicting said three-dimensional image display control information to include at least one of first information indicating a number of viewpoints

of said three-dimensional image data, second information indicating from which viewpoint position said three-dimensional image data is obtained, third information indicating a direction of sub-sampling of said three-dimensional image data, ~~fourth information indicating arrangement of a camera that has picked up said three-dimensional image data,~~ fifth-fourth information indicating a maximum shift amount when a parallax image of said three-dimensional image data is shifted, ~~sixth-fifth~~ information indicating whether a border is to be displayed around an image of said three-dimensional image data, ~~seventh-sixth~~ information indicating border image data to be displayed around the image of said three-dimensional image data, and three-dimension identification information indicating that said multimedia information file contains the three-dimensional image data.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) The image data recording medium according to claim 20 or 21, wherein the information when executed, further depicting said multimedia information file, with a different extension when said multimedia information file contains ~~the three-dimensional image data~~ than when said multimedia information file does not contains ~~no~~ three-dimensional image data.

24. (Currently Amended) The image data recording medium according to claim 23, wherein the information when executed, further depicting said extension to further indicate which of a ~~adapting to a plurality of different three-dimensional display methods, each display method and being different from the other, for each of said plurality of three-dimensional display methods is used to display said three-dimensional image data.~~

25. (Currently Amended) An image data recording medium, having stored thereon information representing a multimedia information file, the information when executed on an image data reproduction apparatus depicting information including both of image pick-up condition information indicating an image pick-up condition for a three-dimensional image and three-dimensional image data, or at least two-dimensional image data, wherein

wherein said both of image pick-up condition and three-dimensional image data, or at least two-dimensional image data are encoded in a parameter that is stored in said multimedia file, and

said image pick-up condition information includes at least one of information indicating a number of parallaxes in a horizontal direction and information indicating a number of parallaxes in a direction perpendicular thereto.

26. (Currently Amended) An image data recording medium, having stored thereon information representing a multimedia information file, the information when executed on an image data reproduction apparatus depicting information including both of image pick-up condition information indicating an image pick-up condition for a three-dimensional image and three-dimensional image data, or at least two-dimensional image data, wherein

wherein said both of image pick-up condition and three-dimensional image data, or at least two-dimensional image data are encoded in a parameter that is stored in said multimedia file, and

said image pick-up condition information includes at least one of information indicating a camera arrangement shape, information indicating an interval between adjacent cameras, and information indicating a distance from a camera arrangement plane to a convergence point.

27-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) An image data recording medium, having stored thereon in a recording area, information representing a multimedia information file, the information when executed on an image data reproduction apparatus depicting information including both three dimensional image display control information generated by encoding a parameter for displaying three-dimensional image data and said three-dimensional image data, or at least two-dimensional image data, wherein

wherein said parameter includes information data indicating a camera arrangement that has picked up said three-dimensional image data, and at least one of information data indicating a method of generating three-dimensional image data from data of the picked up image and information data for controlling presentation of the said three-dimensional image data, and wherein

said recording area further includes an image recording area for recording said three-dimensional image data or the two-dimensional image data, an audio recording area for recording audio data, and a sub code area for recording associated information including a time code.

34. (Previously presented) The image data recording medium according to claim 33, the information when executed further depicting recording of at least a portion of said three-dimensional image display control information in said image recording area.

35. (Previously presented) The image data recording medium according to claim 33, the information when executed further depicting recording of at least a portion of said three-dimensional image display control information in said audio recording area.

36. (Previously presented) The image data recording medium according to claim 33, the information when executed further depicting recording of at least a portion of said three-dimensional image display control information in said sub code area.